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Fast-Track Feasibility Study

Screening and Evaluation of PCB "Hot Spot" Remedial Alternatives

- **Progress** - A final evaluation and decision was made as to which technologies (methods) to deal with the PCB "hot spots" would be examined further. These individual technologies were combined into seven remedial action alternatives. A final evaluation of the cost-effectiveness of each alternative is now progressing.
- **Plans** - A draft report on the fast-track feasibility study is now expected to be submitted to the EPA in June and will be available for public review in July.

Evaluation of Potential PCB Disposal Sites:

- **Progress** - Interagency Task Force comments on the initial screening of sites have been incorporated into the siting study. A revised report has been submitted to EPA.
- **Plans** - The State will determine whether the recommended upland sites are suitable for the disposal of PCBs. The decision by the State will be incorporated into the fast-track feasibility study. More intensive field studies of particular sites may be necessary.

Overall Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FB)

Fourteen tasks for the Remedial Investigation are now underway. The purpose of this investigation is intended to examine the extent of PCB contamination in the New Bedford area, the threat: contamination may pose to public health, and possible ways to deal with the problem.

PCB Transport Model and Harbor Sampling:

- **Progress** - The team, headed by Battelle's New England Research Laboratory, has completed a detailed Work Plan for these tasks. It is currently under review by EPA and NUS Corporation.
- **Plans** - These tasks will begin upon approval of the Work Plan. The first sampling of the harbor may take place in June.

Studies of Sub-Sites:

- **Progress** - A field investigations of Sullivan's Ledge was completed. Specifications for monitoring wells are being prepared. Initial meetings were held to plan the investigation of other potentially contaminated sites in the regional study area.
- **Plans** - Work will continue on these tasks. Field activities at Sullivan's Ledge, including the drilling of monitoring wells, will begin in July. Interviews and onsite investigations with regard to the other potential sites will also begin in July.

Groundwater Investigation:

- **Progress** - A report on the geology, groundwater supply, and groundwater use in the New Bedford area has been completed and is undergoing review.
- **Plans** - The review will be completed, and the report will be finalized and available for public review in July.

Community Relations:

- **Progress** - A fact sheet on PCBs and the New Bedford Harbor has been completed and is being distributed through the schools in the area.
- **Plans** - EPA will meet with the Coalition for Bay Cleanup, a citizens' group interested in the PCB contamination. The group is actively seeking new members. For more information contact Karen Walega, (617) 996-3780.

Public meetings will be planned to explain the results of the fast-track feasibility study and to accept public comments on the recommendations of the study.